

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) allows Westford to preserve our community character in the areas of open space, community housing, historical resources and land for recreational use. Westford residents pay a 3% property tax surcharge to fund such community preservation projects.

### FY 2007 Community Preservation Funds

The state offers matching grants from the Community Preservation Trust Fund, whose revenue is generated from designated fees at the Registry of Deeds. Because Westford set the CPA property tax surcharge at 3%, we are eligible for 100% matching funds from the state. Westford received a 100% state match of \$1,137,231.00 on October 15, 2006.

Westford received another full 100% match of \$ 1,190,322.00 on October 15, 2007. These funds will be allocated at a future Town Meeting.

In FY 2007, Westford locally raised \$ 1,188,066.11 in Community Preservation funds.

Westford has an annual commitment of approximately \$800,000 for its bond payment for the purchase of East Boston Camps.

3% Community Preservation property tax surcharge collections	\$1,188,066.11
Investment income/Penalties & Interest	197,197.75
Interest on late tax payments	<u>1,978.27</u>
Local FY 2007 Community Preservation total	1,387,242.13
State Match (Received 10/15/06)	<u>1,137,231.00</u>
<b>Total FY 2007 Community Preservation</b>	<b>\$2,524,473.13</b>

In 2007, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) recommended projects to Annual Town Meeting and one Special Town Meeting.

### May 5, 2007 Annual Town Meeting

The CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$1,492,142 in funds transfers. Listed below are the project recommendations that were approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

#### Open Space Funding

- \$50,000: To the Conservation Trust Fund for use in future land purchases

#### Community Housing Funding

- \$200,000: To the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the creation, preservation, support, rehabilitation or restoration of affordable housing
- \$33,000: For creation of affordable housing located at 85 Carlisle Road

#### Historic Funding

- \$20,000: Documentation of historic buildings, objects, and structures within the town
- \$25,000: Completion of a town-wide Archeological Assessment
- \$50,600: Removal and replacement of roof at the Town Farm building
- \$60,372: Preservation of historic town records and preparation of a Conservation Survey

Kathleen (Toody) Healy  
*Chair (At-large)*  
Marilyn Frank  
*Vice-chair*  
*(Conservation Commission)*  
Christine MacMillan  
*Secretary (At-large)*  
Andrea Peraner-Sweet  
*Treasurer (Planning Board)*

Liz Adams  
*At-large*  
Ken Hanly  
*Recreation Commission*  
Scott Hazelton  
*Housing Authority*  
Elizabeth Michaud  
*At-large*  
Bob Shaffer  
*Historical Commission*

*Community Preservation Committee*

- \$50,000: For preservation of a historic structure located at 85 Carlisle Road

**Recreation Funding**

- \$960,000: Construction of synthetic fields at Nutting Road (parcel B of the East Boston Camps purchase)

**Administrative Funds**

- \$15,000: For administrative expenses for the Community Preservation Committee

**October 22, 2007 Special Town Meeting**

The CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$245,000 in funds transfers. Listed below are the project recommendations that were approved at the Special Town Meeting.

**Open Space Funding**

- \$235,000: For final payment of principal on the Bond Anticipation Note for the East Boston Camps property
- \$10,000: For the final payment of principal on the Bond Anticipation Note for the East Boston Camps property from Westford Land Preservation Foundation-East Boston Camps Gift Account

**Membership**

In 2007, Ingrid Nilsson and Evan Schapiro resigned from the Community Preservation Committee. The Community Preservation Committee wants to thank Ingrid and Evan for their dedicated service and commitment to our mission for the last six years. Ingrid and Evan had both been members since the Westford Community Preservation Committee was established in 2001.